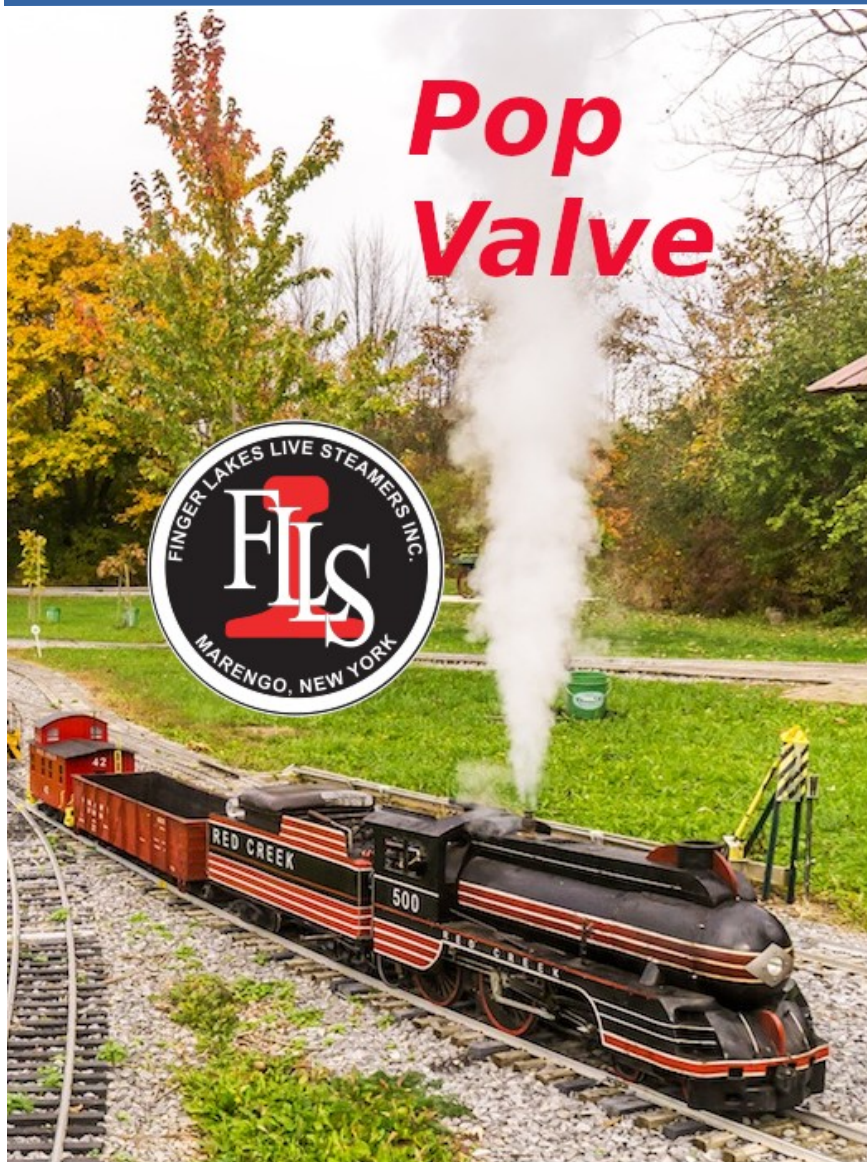
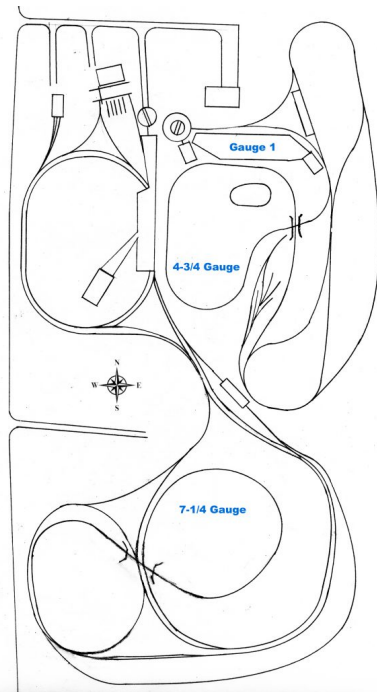




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President's Message

Dear Members,

As we stand at the midway point of this year, I find myself reflecting on the journey we've undertaken together. It's a journey that, much like the iconic lines from Robert Frost's "The Road Not Taken" invites us to choose a path that isn't always the easiest or most traveled, but one that is deeply rewarding, nonetheless.

"Two roads diverged in a wood,
and I, I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference."

These lines are not just the musings of a poet; they are a call to action for all of us. When we first came together as Finger Lakes Live Steamers, we were faced with a choice. We could have taken the path of convenience, of fleeting hobbies, or we could choose a road that required commitment, passion, and the kind of dedication that lives beyond a single season or event. We chose the road of large-scale model railroading, a path that, while not always the easiest, is rich with the rewards of craftsmanship, history, and community. This road, as Frost suggests, has made all the difference.

Every turn of the wheel, every puff of steam, every diesel hum, and every event we host carries the heart of our shared passion and vision. We have created something that is not just about engines and tracks but about building memories and connections. Our club is a testament to the hard work and love that each member pours into this shared passion. It is a place where children and adults alike marvel at the sight of a locomotive in motion, where friendships are forged over the hum of engines, and where we come together as a family, bound not by blood but by shared interest and mutual respect.

In this season, as we look ahead to the events and challenges that lie before us, I encourage each of you to continue taking that less-traveled road. Whether you're firing up your favorite engine, lending a hand to build new tracks, offering a smile

to first time visitors, or sharing the joys of model railroading with our younger generation, remember that your contribution matters. It is what keeps this community thriving and growing. It is the road we've chosen to follow.

But let us not forget that this journey requires each of us to play our part, not just as hobbyists, but as stewards of something much greater than ourselves. It is a legacy of engineering ingenuity, of nostalgia, of warmth and friendship. And it is a legacy that is built not just on the physical infrastructure of our club, but on the bonds that unite us as a community of like-minded souls.

With every event we host or every open house where we share the wonders of large-scale model railroading with others, we continue to leave tracks for those who will come after us. The work we do today, whether it's a meticulous repair or a grand display, is what sets the stage for tomorrow's members, for the next generation of engineers, for the children whose eyes will sparkle as they watch the trains pass by.

As we move forward into the second half of the year, there are many roads ahead of us. Some will be smooth, others may be a little bumpier, but all will be worthwhile. Together, we'll continue to take the road less traveled, and in doing so, we will make a difference. We will build something that not only stands the test of time but creates memories that will live on long after the engines have stopped running for the day.

So, let us continue to walk this path with pride and determination. Let us continue to support one another, to share our knowledge and experiences, and to bring our passion for large-scale model railroading to the world. This road may not always be the easiest, but it's one that leads to something far greater than we can imagine. It's a road that, much like our engines, will keep moving forward, driven by our love for the craft and our commitment to one another.

Thank you for being part of this incredible journey. Your dedication, your enthusiasm, and your spirit are what make Finger Lakes Live Steamers a community like no other.

Warm regards,

Wayne R. Henning, Sr.
President, Finger Lakes Live Steamers, Inc.

Lehigh Valley Railroad History Symposium

Saturday, October 25, 2025

Please see the poster following this newsletter for details. Or visit:

www.trainweb.org/SVRHS

www.sayrehistoricalsociety.org

Rotary for Sale!



The Arctic Rotary Snow Blower is for sale by silent auction. It is self-propelled with a gasoline engine. The builder is unknown. It does need some mechanical work. Anyone interested in bidding on the snowplow can look at it between July 1 st and August 9th at the club. The bids need to be in writing and to Wayne Henning not later than August 9th (which is a business mtg) at 3pm.

!! CAUTION !!

**Wild Parsnip can be worse than poison ivy if
your skin contacts any part of the plant!**

**It is growing everywhere in western New York.
It is growing along the road at the south end of
our club.**



Photo from Face Book

From the NY DEC website:

Wild parsnip (*Pastinaca sativa*) is an invasive plant from Europe and Asia that has become naturalized in North America. It is well suited for colonizing disturbed areas but can also be found in open fields and lawns. Wild parsnip sap can cause painful, localized burning and blistering of the skin.

Do not touch any parts of the plant with bare skin. Wear gloves, long-sleeved shirts, pants, boots and eye protection if working near wild parsnip to prevent skin contact with the sap. Synthetic, water-resistant materials are recommended.

If Contact with Sap Occurs; wash the affected area thoroughly with soap and water, and keep it covered for at least 48 hours to prevent a reaction. If a reaction occurs, keep the affected area out of sunlight to prevent further burning or discoloration, and see a physician.

Description

Wild parsnip can grow up to 5 feet tall and has hollow, grooved stems that are hairless. The plant's leaves resemble large celery leaves. They are yellow-green, coarsely toothed and compound, with 3-5 leaflets. Small, yellow flowers are clustered together in a flat-topped array approximately 3-8 inches across. Flowering usually occurs during the second year of growth, starting in May or June and lasting for 1-2 months. Seeds are flat, brown, and slightly winged to help with wind dispersal in the fall.

Hazards to Human Health

Wild parsnip sap contains chemicals called furanocoumarins which can make skin more vulnerable to ultraviolet light. Brushing against or breaking the plant releases sap that, combined with sunlight, can cause a severe burn within 24 to 48 hours. This reaction, known as phytophotodermatitis, can also cause discoloration of the skin and increased sensitivity to sunlight that may last for years.

Management

There are no state or federal programs to remove wild parsnip in New York State because the plant is so widespread across much of New York.

If you are interested in removing wild parsnip on your own property, please be sure to wear long sleeves and pants as well as gloves and avoid any contact with the sap of the plant.

Shop Equipment For Sale

Contact:

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rotary table 8" dia. Horizontal and verticle \$125



engine stand 32 " tall , 70 " long, very heavy duty \$200, 7 1/4 & 7 1/2 gauge



1 ton arbor press 5" throat - \$75

**FINGER LAKES LIVE STEAMERS 2025
TIMETABLE**

January 11, 2025 - Board of Directors Meeting

February 8, 2025 - Board of Directors Meeting

March 8, 2025 - Annual Dinner

*April 12, 2025 - Board of Directors Meeting,
Business Meeting*

*May 10, 2025 - Board of Directors Meeting,
Business Meeting - Steam Up*

*May 24, 2025 - Social Membership Drive Day &
Club Picnic at 5pm*

June 8, 2025 – Garden Railway Club Picnic

*June 14, 2025 - Board of Directors Meeting,
Business Meeting*

June 15, 2025 - Father's Day Event

*July 5, 2025 - Model Railroader Day and Club
Picnic at 5pm*

*July 12, 2025 - Board of Directors Meeting,
Business Meeting*

*July 19, 2025 – Packard Car Club visiting FLLS
12 noon*

*August 1-3, 2025 - FLLS Invitational Meet &
Club Dinner at 5pm*

*August 9, 2025 - Board of Directors Meeting,
Business Meeting*

*August 22-24, 2025 – Waushakum Live Steamers
70th Anniversary*

*September 13, 2025 - Board of Directors
Meeting, Business Meeting (nomination
committee set)*

*September 27 & 28, 2025 - Fall Open House and
Saturday Dinner at 5pm.*

*October 11, 2025 - Board of Directors Meeting,
Business Meeting; Blow Down.*

November 1, 2025 - Nominations due

*November 8, 2025 - Board of Directors Meeting,
Business Meeting*

*December 1, 2025 - Mail in ballots need to be
postmarked*

*December 13, 2025 - Board of Directors Meeting
and Annual Business Meeting with election of
officers for 2026*

Dates and events are subject to change...

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Safety Committee / Peter Hart

Communications Committee

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Newsletter Electronic Publisher / Tom Pierson

Good and Welfare Subcommittee / General
Membership

Public Relations Subcommittee / Sue Henrichs

Website Subcommittee / Ken Cameron

Social Media Subcommittee / Tom Pierson

Seven and One Quarter Inch Track Committee

Track Subcommittee / Dave Pierce

Facilities Subcommittee / Tony Mesolella

Equipment Subcommittee / Don Jermyn

Signals Subcommittee / Bob Fruitt

Four and Three Quarter Inch Track Committee

Track Subcommittee / Ken Cameron

Facilities Subcommittee / Steve Pontarelli

Signals Subcommittee / Ken Cameron

Gauge One Track Committee

Track Subcommittee / Roger Caiazza

Elevated Track Subcommittee / Kevin Lepel

Storage Building Subcommittee / Rocco Scaptura

Equipment Subcommittee / John Spencer

Club Infrastructure Committee

Clubhouse Subcommittee / Dave Wierowski

Grounds Subcommittee / Reggie Aceto

Electrical Subcommittee / Dave Wierowski

Workshop Subcommittee / Tim Guenther

Education Committee

Library Subcommittee / Carl Paulson

Long-Term Planning Committee / Roger Caiazza
& Steve Pontarelli

Membership Committee

Membership Subcommittee / Sue Henrichs

New Member Recruiting Subcommittee / Monte
May

Merchandising Committee / Kristine Lepel

***Membership Applications are available on our
website.***

**Susquehanna Valley Railway Historical Society, NRHS
and**

Sayre Historical Society, Museum

presents

Lehigh Valley Railroad History Symposium

Sayre Theatre, 205 S. Elmer Ave., Sayre, PA 18849
Saturday, October 25, 2025, 8 am - 4 pm

Featuring five historic Lehigh Valley Railroad themed program presentations
along the railroad line by noted railroad historians.



Event registration is \$25 for the all-day event and feature displays, table sales by local area historical organizations, and more. Lunch on your own. A variety of meal choices available at local eateries within walking distance from the theatre.

Relive the movie experience with Program Presentations being presented, utilizing the historic Sayre Theatre's visual and audio system...shown on the Big Screen!

Registration packet and a complete line-up of events can be downloaded at:
www.trainweb.org/SVRHS/ or sayrehistoricalsociety.org. Additional event information can be found visiting the Sayre Historical Society located in the former Lehigh Valley Railroad Passenger Station located at 103 S. Lehigh Ave, Sayre PA 18840, or call 570-882-8221 for hours of operation.



Formerly the Sayre Opera House - 1914

**Lehigh Valley Railroad PowerPoint slide
Presentations by:**

- Danny Armitage...*The Kid from Freeville Growing UP on the Railroad*
- Mark Charles.....*Passengers and Milk from Ithaca to Sayre and Beyond*
- Kermit Geary, Jr...*Lehigh Valley Retrospective*
- Richard Jahn.....*In and Around Sayre*
- Robert Pastorkey..*The Glory Years of Steam & Early Diesels in the Lehigh Valley Sayre Region*

- Event is Open to the Public -